Variable Description
Let's Just Agree to Disagree:
Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Coalition Agreements

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Abstract

This document contains a brief description of the data used for the analysis in **?**.

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1 The Data

The data is in Stata format (Let's Just Agree - Replication Data Short.dta). The file "Let's Just Agree - Replication.do" contains the Stata code to run the models presented in the article as well as the online appendix.

Information about the coalition agreements and party ideology comes from Bräuninger & Debus (2008, 2012).

1.1 Variables

TABLE 1: VARIABLES

Variable	Explanation/Coding
coa_seats	Parliamentary representation of Government Parties
state	German state, i.e., Land
year	Year coalition formed
election	Election code = state abbreviation + year
partyX	Coalition party no. X (CMP code)
party_of_statePM	Party of Prime Minister (Land)
no_gov_parties	Number of gov't parties
coa_seatstrength_sd	Standard deviation of coalition party seat shares
totalseats	Total number of seats in legislature
a_words_total	Total number of words in coalition agreement
a_words_coalition	Total number of words related to coalition politics
a_coalition_committee	Coalition Committee
a_coalcom_dispute_settlem	Dispute Settlement: Is it specified that disputes between cabinet members are settled in the coalition committee?
a_dispute_settlement_other	Any other dispute settlement procedure specified
region	East/West Germany dummy. West=0, East=1
party_of_federalPM	Party of federal prime minister (Bundeskanzler)
programcode	polidoc archive code
cdu_gov	CDU/CSU in gov't=1
spd_gov	SPD in gov't=1
fdp_gov	FDP in gov't=1
gru_gov	Greens in gov't=1
pds_gov	PDS in gov't=1
sta_gov	STA in gov't=1
gov_lr_vpdistance	Ideological range
prev_coa	Incumbent government coalition
words_tot_mani	Number of words in gov't party manifestos
region_name	Name of State/Land
pea	Pre-electoral coalition (Yes=1)
words	Number of words on policy in coalition agreement
dispute	Dispute resolution mechanism
pctseats	Gov't size (share of legislative seats)
sh_gov_w	Share of coalition agreement addressing coalition governance
dispute_sum	Number of dispute resolution mechanisms mentioned

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